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Subject: Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) to Advisors

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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95

1. The purpose of this message is to announce that subsequent to 18 September 2001, the CIB is authorized to be awarded to U.S. Army Infantry and Special Forces Soldiers assigned as advisors, trainers or performing liaison duties with formed Afghan National Army or Iraqi infantry/special force units, or Iraqi specialized Infantry type units, of brigade, regimental or smaller size, or assigned as advisors to a foreign infantry/special forces comparable to the above infantry units.
2. Under the above criteria, the CIB may only be awarded to recognize those U.S. Army Infantry and Special Forces Soldiers embedded in one of the above units, as tactical advisors, trainers or performing liaison duties, during the time that the supported infantry/special force unit engages in active ground combat, to close with and destroy the enemy with direct fires. Qualified Soldiers must have been personally present and participated in the combat operations.
3. Qualifying Iraqi units are identified as: light and mechanized infantry divisional brigades, Iraqi Intervention Forces brigades, Iraqi Special Operations Force units, Commando Forces, Public Order Forces, Mechanized Forces, and Special Border Forces.
4. Soldiers assigned as advisors, trainers or performing liaison duties in foreign infantry/special force units not engaged in combat operations remain unqualified for the CIB.
5. Soldiers who are other than infantry or special forces, serving as advisors, trainers or performing liaison duties to foreign infantry/special force units, may be eligible for award

of the Combat Action Badge for actions performed while the foreign unit was in combat.

6. Retroactive awards of the CIB based on the above criteria will be made to fully qualify Soldiers. Requests for retroactive awards should be submitted as follows:

a. Active duty and Reserve Component Soldiers should submit their request through the first Major General commander in their chain of command to U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332. The request should be submitted on a DA Form 4187 and include supporting documentation and DD Form 214 (if applicable).

b. Retirees and veterans should submit a written request, with supporting documentation and a copy of the most recent DD Form 214 and DD Form 215 (if applicable), to U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall St., Alexandria, VA 22332.

7. Questions pertaining to this message should be forwarded to the Military Awards Branch at [awards@hoffman.army.mil](mailto:awards@hoffman.army.mil) or at DSN 221-8700 or commercial (703) 325-8700. Future updates can be found on the Military Awards Branch website, <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/index.htm>